

Flu Watch

MMWR Week 15: April 8 to April 14, 2018

All data are provisional and subject to change as more reports are received.

Geographic Spread



South Carolina reported **local activity** this week.

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Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations and Deaths

A total of **23** influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by 44 hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **88.7** per 100,000. There were **3** laboratory-confirmed influenza-associated deaths reported; however, **2** deaths occurred in previous weeks. The cumulative mortality rate is **5.0** per 100,000. Compared to the previous week, the number of reported hospitalizations **decreased** by **23** (**50.0%**) and number of reported deaths **remained the same**. In the current flu season, there have been **4,399** influenza-associated hospitalizations and **252** influenza-associated deaths reported.

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Virologic Surveillance

A total of **586** influenza cases (**571** positive rapid antigen detection tests; **15** lab-confirmed tests) were reported from 35 counties representing all four DHEC Public Health regions. Influenza B was most frequently reported by clinical and public health labs. Compared to the previous week, this is a **decrease** of **496** cases (**45.8%**). In the current flu season, there have been **133,269** influenza cases (**129,863** positive rapid antigen detection tests; **3,406** lab-confirmed tests) reported.

For a description of South Carolina's influenza surveillance components and definitions go to: http://www.scdhec.gov/Health/DiseasesandConditions/InfectiousDiseases/Flu/FluData/

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Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **1.83%**, which is **below** South Carolina's baseline (**3.13%**). Compared to the previous week, this is a **decrease** of **0.50%**.

The ILI activity level was minimal.

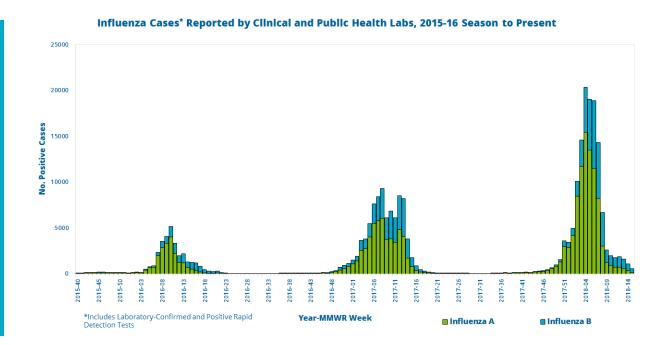
For national surveillance, please visit: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/



Virologic Surveillance

This week, **15** lab-confirmed cases and **571** positive rapid influenza detection tests were reported by clinical labs.

Influenza B was most frequently reported by clinical and public health labs.



Influenza Cases Reported by Public Health and Clinical Labs, This Week and Season Total

Influenza Type	Public	c Health Lab	CI	inical Labs	Total		
	This Week	Season Total	This Week	Season Total	This Week	Season Total	
Overall	1	167	585	133,102	586	133,269	
Influenza A	0	132 (79.0%)	146 (25.0%)	146 (25.0%) 90543 (68.0%)		90675 (68.0%)	
A (H3)		100 (75.8%)		380 (0.4%)		480 (0.5%)	
A (H1N1)		32 (24.2%)		158 (0.2%)		190 (0.2%)	
A (not subtyped)			146 (100%)	90005 (99.4%)	146 (100%)	90005 (99.3%)	
Influenza B	1 (100%)	35 (21.0%)	438 (74.9%)	42053 (31.6%)	439 (74.9%)	42088 (31.6%)	
B (Victoria)	1 (100%)	1 (2.8%)			1 (0.2%)	1 (0.0%)	
B (Yamagata)		31 (88.6%)				31 (0.1%)	
B (lineage not performed)			438 (100%)	42053 (100%)	438 (99.8%)	42056 (99.9%)	
Influenza (not typed)			1 (0.1%)	506 (0.4%)	1 (0.1%)	506 (0.4%)	

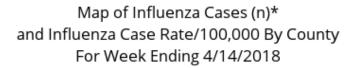


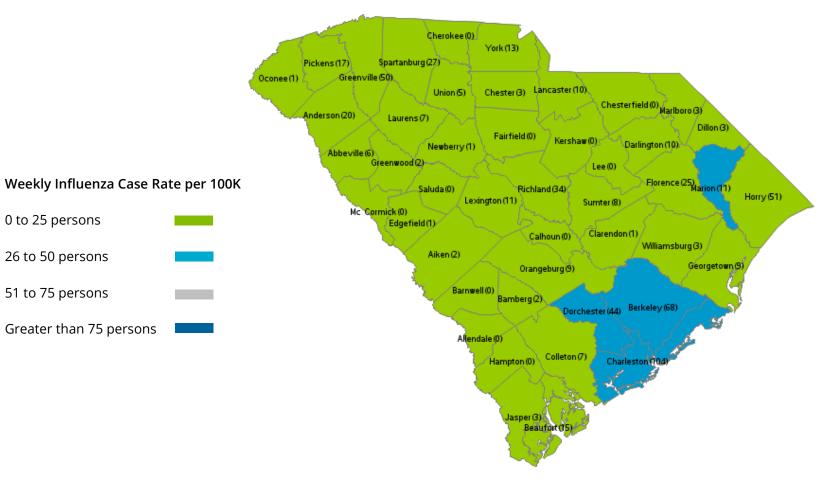
0 to 25 persons

26 to 50 persons

51 to 75 persons

Virologic Surveillance





*Includes all lab-confirmed and positive rapid cases

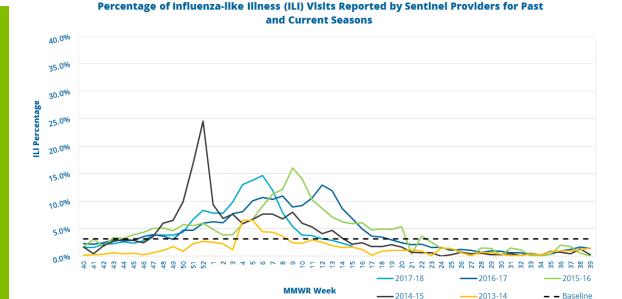


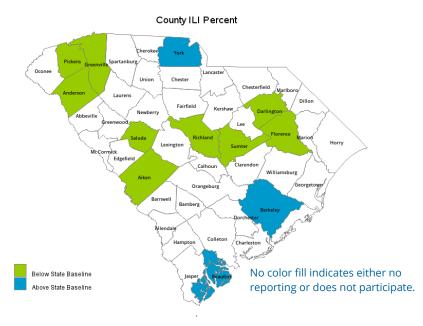
Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

This week, the ILI activity level was **minimal** and **1.83%** of patient visits to SC ILINet providers was attributed to an influenza-like illness. This is **below** the state baseline, **3.13%**.

Reports were received from providers in 12 counties, representing all 4 DHEC Public Health regions.

ILI percentage is dependent upon the number of reporting providers and/or can vary by disease activity or the number of providers submitting reports.





State ILI Activity Level 2017-18 Calendar by Week of the Year

OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
40	44	48	1	5	9	14					
41	45	49	2	6	10	15					
42	46	50	3	7	11						
43	47	51	4	8	12						
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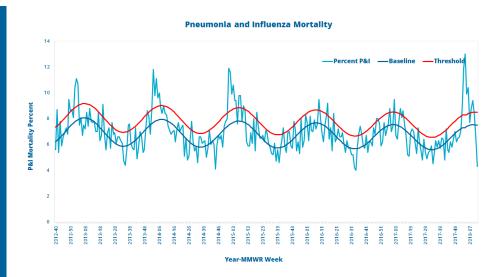
ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH



Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations And Deaths

Age	Hospitalizations			Deaths			
Group							
	This Week	Rate per	Season	This Week	Rate per	Season	
		100, 000	Total		100, 000	Total	
0 to 4	0	52.5	154		1.0	3	
5 to 17	0	16.9	136				
18 to 49	3	28.4	569		1.3	26	
50 to 64	8	112.9	1028		4.6	42	
65 & older	12	397.5	2512	1	28.6	181	
Total	23	88.7	4399	1	5.0	252	

The percentage of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza was 4.3%. This is **below** the epidemic threshold for the week ending March 24, 2018.



Reported Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations by Age Group, 2015-16 Season to Present

